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June 26, 2007

In Reply Refer To: 442/I36

Mr. Robert Brozek
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Western Nebraska Veterans Home
Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361

Subject: Scottsbluff, Nebraska FY 2007 Survey Report

The VAMC – Cheyenne survey team conducted a (three-day) review of the Scottsbluff, Nebraska State Veterans Home on June 5, 6, and 7, 2007. Enclosed are the following information: VA Form 10-3567b – State Nursing Home Care; VA Form 10-3567c – State Domiciliary Care; VA Form 10-3567b-1- Life Safety Report; Domiciliary Care Life Safety Report; and Fiscal Audit Report. These documents are the FY 2007 annual survey report for nursing home and domiciliary care at Scottsbluff, Nebraska State Home.

The nursing home and domiciliary care have met all VA standards except the following standards: Standard 51.110 - 4. The results of the assessment are used to develop, review and revise. Care plans not coordinating with MDS and orders. 51.110 – d. Comprehensive care plans. Facility needs to make sure care plans are up to date with discontinued items (see page 27 and 28 of Nurse Home Care Inspection Form). 51.130 – a and b. The nursing service must be under the direction of a full-time 24-7. (See page 34 of the Nursing Home Care Inspection Form). 51.190 Infection Control a and b. (see page 41 of the Nursing Home Care Inspection Form). In the Domiciliary Safety (C) Partially Met, Sprinkler protection for kitchen has been requested but not funded.

Under the Life and Safety Standard 2-6, doors did not stay latched when a force of 5 pounds was applied. Standard 2-14 All exits discharges arranged and marked to clearly indicate direction of egress. Standard 4-15, Are penetrations in smoke barriers walls properly sealed to the passage of smoke. Standard 6-8 Are fire extinguishers inspected on a monthly and serviced annually.

These standards were Provisionally Met. Please submit a corrected action plan by August 11, 2007. If you have questions, please contact LaRoy Books, Chief Health Information Section, at (307) 778-7550, extension 7012.

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for DMK

Life Safety Inspection Report
VA State Veterans Per Diem Program

Existing Nursing Home Care Facilities
 (All Code References are NFPA 101-1997 unless otherwise noted)

This checklist is a summation of the requirements found in Chapter 13 "Existing Healthcare Occupancies" of the Life Safety Code. The user is cautioned to consult the code prior to answering the following questions.

Facility Name: Western Nebraska Veterans Home

Facility Address: 1102 West 42nd St, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Date Inspected: June 5-7 2007

Item	Standard	Reference	Yes	No	N/A
1-1	Does the building construction meet the basic requirements of NFPA 101, paragraph 13-1.6?	13-1.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-1	Are exit stair enclosure doors and horizontal exit (if provided) doors self-closing?	5-2.1.8 13-3.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2-2	Are doors and associated hardware in good repair?	1-3.1.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-3	Do exit access doors swing in the direction of exit travel?	5-2.1.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-4	Are doors to hazardous areas equipped with self-closing devices and kept closed?	13-3.2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-5	Are exit stairs, which continue beyond the level of exit discharge interrupted at the level of exit discharge by partitions, doors, gates, or other effective means?	5-7.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2-6	Are corridor doors equipped with a suitable means to keep the door closed when a force of 5 pounds is applied at the latch edge of the door? (Note: Roller latches are prohibited on corridor doors in buildings not fully protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system.)	13-3.6.3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-7	Do all patient rooms have an outside window or door and are the windowsills within 44 inches of the floor? (Note: Windowsill height in ICU's, CCU's and hemodialysis areas may be not higher than 60 inches.)	13-3.8.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-8	Are all corridors serving patient sleeping rooms a minimum of 48 inches wide and kept free and clear of obstructions?	13-2.3.3 2-4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-9	Area all doors in a means of egress at least 32 inches wide?	13-2.3.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-10	Are there two remote exits for each floor or fire/smoke area?	13-2.4.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-11	Does each habitable room have an exit access door leading directly to an exit access (or otherwise meeting the exceptions of 13-2.5.1)?	13-2.5.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-12	Does every corridor provide access to at least two approved exits?	13-2.5.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-13	Is the travel distance between any point in a patient sleeping room and the door to the room 50 feet or less?	13-2.6.2.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-14	Are all exit discharges arranged and marked to clearly indicate direction of egress?	5-7.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-15	Is emergency lighting provided throughout the means of egress?	5-9.1.1 13-2.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2-16	Are exit discharge doorways kept free of ice, snow and other obstructions?	2-4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-17	Are doors within a means of egress equipped with hardware which will open without the use of a key from the inside (or which meet the exceptions of 13-2.2.2.4)?	13-2.2.2.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-18	Are stairwells kept free of obstructions and storage?	5-1.3.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-1	Is a manual fire alarm station provided in the natural path of egress near each required exit?	7-6.3.2 13-3.4.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-2	Are all manual fire alarm stations located so that the travel distance is no more than 200 feet, visible, unobstructed, and of the same general type?	7-6.2.4 7-6.2.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-3	Is occupant notification accomplished automatically by means of an internal audible alarm (or which meet the exceptions of 13-3.4.3.1)?	13-3.4.3.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-4	Are waiting areas open to the corridor less than 600 sq ft in size; <u>and</u> in line of sight of the nurses station (or provided with smoke detection if the zone is sprinkler protected); <u>and</u> provided with smoke detection if the zone is not sprinklered; <u>and</u> arranged not to obstruct exit access?	13-3.6.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-5	Are smoke detectors located at corridor smoke doors for the automatic release of smoke doors and activation of the fire alarm system?	5-2.1.8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-6	In facilities which are classified as "Limited Care" are smoke detectors located in the corridors or patient sleeping rooms (not required if the building is sprinkler protected)?	13-3.4.5.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-7	Does the fire alarm system automatically transmit an alarm to the fire department or other emergency forces immediately upon activation of a system device (pull box, smoke detector, flow switch, etc) or does the facility conform to Circular 10-83-94?	7-6.4 13-3.4.3.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-8	Are emergency lighting systems tested monthly?	5-9.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-9	Are 100% of smoke detectors, audible/visual alarms, and smoke barrier doors tested functionally at least annually?	NFPA 72-1996 7-3.2 & Table 7-3.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-1	Are all exit stairs enclosed by one hour or greater rated construction for buildings 3 stories or less, or by 2 hour fire resistive construction where the exit connects 4 or more stories?	5-1.3.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-2	Are all other vertical openings (shafts, chutes, elevator shafts, etc.) enclosed by 1 hour or greater rated construction (or do they meet the exceptions noted in 13-3.1.1)?	13-3.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-3	Are all hazardous areas (including boiler rooms, laundries, repair or craft shops, soiled linen rooms, storage rooms, and trash rooms) enclosed by 1 hour fire rated construction and $\frac{1}{4}$ hour self closing doors -or-protected by an automatic sprinkler system and smoke resisting partitions and self closing doors?	13-3.2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-4	Do all wall and ceiling finishes have a Class A or Class B flame spread rating (Class C is permitted within a room separated from exit access corridors in fully sprinkler protected buildings)?	13-3.3.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-5	Are sprinkler systems supervised by the fire alarm system to monitor water flow and valve tamper alarms?	13-3.5.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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4-6	Are sprinkler systems water flow alarms and main drain tests performed quarterly and are records maintained?	NFPA 25-1998 2-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-7	Are fire pumps churn tested weekly and flow tested annually?	NFPA 25-1998 5-1-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4-8	Is a minimum of 18 inches clearance maintained between the top of all storage and ceiling sprinkler deflectors?	NFPA 13-1996 4-2.5.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-9	Does the facility have contingency plans to address the sprinkler system or fire alarms systems being out of service, such as establishing a fire watch, prohibiting hot work, and notifying the fire department?	7-7.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-10	Is each floor housing more than 30 patients divided into at least two smoke compartments?	13-3.7.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-11	Is the maximum smoke compartment area 22,500 sq ft or less, and the travel distance to reach a smoke barrier door 200 feet or less?	13-3.7.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-12	Are all doors in smoke zone separations self or automatic closing?	13-3.7.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-13	Do all smoke barrier doors have at least a 20 minute fire rating and if they contain a vision panel, is it wired or fire rated glass in a steel frame?	13-3.7.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-14	Is the clearance around smoke barrier doors limited to 1/8 inch or less?	6-3.4.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-15	Are penetrations in smoke barrier walls properly sealed to resist the passage of smoke?	6-3.6.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-16	Are grease producing appliances in the Kitchen protected by an automatic fire suppression system?	NFPA 96-1994 7-1.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-17	Does the automatic fire extinguishing system cover the cooking surface of the range, griddle, fryers and duct system above the filters (protection not required above the filters if an approved and listed grease extraction system has been installed)?	NFPA 96-1994 7-1.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-18	Does the operation of the automatic extinguishing system over the cooking surfaces automatically shut off all sources of fuel and heat the equipment protected by the system?	NFPA 96-1994 7-3.1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-19	Are shut down devices of the type that require manual resetting prior to fuel or power restoration?	NFPA 96-1994 7-3.1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-20	Is a readily accessible means available to manually activate the automatic extinguishing system (in the path of egress from the kitchen) over the cooking equipment?	NFPA 96-1994 7-3.1.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-21	Are hoods, grease removal devices, fans and ducts cleaned on a scheduled basis? <i>[Cleaning frequencies will vary depending upon use and the types of foods being prepared. Cleanings must be at least semiannual but more frequent cleanings may be required.]</i>	NFPA 96-1994 8-3.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-22	Are fuse links located over cooking appliances and within plenums replaced at least annually?	NFPA 96-1994 8-2.1.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-23	Are deep fat fryers installed with at least a 16-inch space between the fryers and flames from adjacent cooking equipment?	NFPA 96-1994 9-1.2.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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4-24	Is the automatic fire extinguishing system protecting cooking equipment inspected and serviced by a properly trained and qualified company on at least a semiannual basis?	NFPA 96-1994 8-2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-1	Is emergency power available to operate all required electrical systems?	NFPA 99-1996 3-4.2.2.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-2	If a generator set is utilized for emergency power, is it inspected weekly and tested under load, for at least 30 minutes, on a monthly basis?	NFPA 99-1996 3-6.2.4.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-3	Are all receptacles installed on 15 amp and 20 amp branch circuits of the grounding type?	NFPA 70-1997 210-7[a]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-4	Are all receptacles in patient care areas tested for correct polarity and retention force (not less than 4 ounces) annually?	NFPA 99-1996 3-5.2.2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-5	Are 125 volt, single phase, 15 and 20 amp receptacles located with 6 feet of a water source provided with GFCI protection?	NFPA 70-1997 210-8[a][1]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-6	Are there sufficient receptacles in the patient care areas so as to avoid the use of extension cords or multiple outlet devices?	NFPA 99-1996 3-4.1.2.4[b]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-7	If provided, are laundry chute openings into the corridors protected by 1 hour fire rated, self closing doors with approved and listed frames?	13-5.4.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5-8	If provided, are laundry chute rooms and terminal rooms protected by either 1-hour fire rated construction or sprinkler protected with walls and doors, which resist the passage of smoke?	13-3.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5-9	If provided, is the laundry chute provided with sprinkler protection at the top, bottom and every other floor between?	13-5.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5-10	If provided, is the (commercial type) laundry separated by 1-hour fire rated construction or is it sprinkler protected with walls and doors, which will resist the passage of smoke?	13-3.2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-11	Are soiled linen room doors equipped with either self or automatic closing devices?	13-3.2.1 13-2.2.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-12	Is the boiler or furnace room protected by either 1-hour fire rated construction or a sprinkler system and smoke barrier partitions, with doors to the room equipped with self or automatic closing devices?	13-3.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-13	Do elevators, which have a travel distance of 25 feet or more, equipped with automatic elevator (Phase I and II) recall?	7-4.5 ANSI 17.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6-1	Does the facility have a written fire emergency plan, and is a copy available in the nurse's station and other locations staffed 24 hours per day?	13-7.1.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6-2	Are all facility personnel instructed in the use of, and response to, fire alarms and on the use of any code phrase used during fire emergencies?	13-7.2.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6-3	Does documentation exist showing that quarterly fire drills are conducted on all shifts?	13-7.2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6-4	Is smoking prohibited in all areas where flammable liquids, combustible gases, or oxygen is stored or used?	13-7.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6-5	Is smoking prohibited by patients classified as not responsible?	13-7.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6-6	Are portable space heating devices prohibited?	13-7.7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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6-7	In patient rooms protected by sprinklers are privacy curtains provided with minimum $\frac{1}{2}$ inch mesh or are sprinklers located such that these curtains do not obstruct sprinkler discharge.	NFPA 13-1996 4-4.1.3.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6-8	Are fire extinguishers inspected on a monthly and serviced annually?	NFPA 10-1996 4-1.2 4-3.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7-1	Are trash and linen receptacles limited to 32-gallon capacity, or less, with not more than one 32-gallon capacity receptacle in a 64 square foot area? (Note: mobile soiled linen or trash collection receptacles with capacities greater than 32 gallons shall be located in a room protected as a hazardous area.)	13-7.5.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Recommendations:

Item 2-6: Some of the corridor doors and outside exit doors do not latch. Recommend all corridor doors and exit doors be evaluated for latching capability. Replace the hardware to allow each door to latch and keep the door closed when a force of 5 pounds is applied at the latch edge of the door.

Item 2-14: There are no exit signs in the kitchen area to mark the location and direction of emergency exit. Recommend placing sufficient exits signs within the kitchen to provide clear exit location and direction.

Item 4-15: There are openings around the sprinkler heads in rooms 100 and 122 as well as in ICF1 Utility Room which would permit the passage of smoke. This could also cause the sprinkler head to not function properly if the heat is allowed to escape past the head and not activate the system.

Item 6-8: Three portable fire extinguishers had not been inspected since March 07. Recommend ensuring all fire extinguishers are inspected within each 30 day period.

The most recent edition of the Life Safety Code requires complete fire sprinkler protection for all buildings that contain a nursing home. According to Mr Frank Salvas, Chief, State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program, the facility and the state of Nebraska should be notified that once the new VA Per Diem regulation is written a transition to the newer version of the Code will become in force at which time complete sprinkler protection will be required. Currently the kitchen, large dining room, and the smoking patio are not sprinkler protected. A project to complete this was recommended during the 2004 inspection and it was placed on the facility's 309 Taskforce project list but was not funded. Please be aware that to qualify as complete sprinkler coverage, the walk-in freezers and coolers must be provided protection as well.

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Inspected By: _____



NAME OF FACILITY		STATE HOME INSPECTION STANDARDS-DOMICILIARY		INITIAL SURVEY	RE-SURVEY	DATE SURVEYED	REPORTS CONTROL
Western Nebraska Veterans Home						June 5-7, 2007	
SURVEY BY (VHA FIELD ACTIVITY OR JURISDICTION)				CITY	COUNTRY	STATE	ZIP CODE
				ScottsBluff		ScottsBluff	NE

SURVEYORS NAME/SIGNATURE AND CORRESPONDENCE SYMBOL	
1. William Anderson 6. James Brausch 11. 2. Cathy Teasley Deb Wilson 12. 3. Chris Braun LaRoy Books 4. Thomas Cassidy 9. Steve Legg S - Substantially Met 5. Melvin Crawford 10. Hilde Dunbar P - Partially Met N - Not Met NA - Not Applicable	

C. STANDARDS FOR DOMICILIARY CARE		CHOOSE ONE	EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS
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1. Governance and Administration: The facility is governed and managed effectively.

(A) The facility has a governing body, or designated persons so functioning, with full legal authority and responsibility for the operation of the facility.	(S) Substantially Met	S P N NA
(B) Written administrative policies, procedures, and controls are established, implemented and reviewed at least annually to promote the orderly and efficient management of the facility,	(S) Substantially Met	S P N NA
(C) There are sufficient, knowledgeable administrative and clinical staff assigned to provide quality care within the domiciliary.	(S) Substantially Met	S P N NA

(D) Written personnel policies and procedures are established and implemented to facilitate sound patient care and personnel policies.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA
(E) The facility has an ongoing staff development program including orientation of new employees and in-service education related to the needs and care of domiciliary patients.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA
(F) There is evidence of input from all services to management by regular meetings and systematic review of the domiciliary program.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA

2. Safety: The facility shall be structurally safe and maintained to protect the health and safety of patients, personnel and visitors.

(A) The facility has a current State Fire Marshal's certificate or documented evidence of compliance with life safety codes.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA
(B) The facility has a current report by a qualified VA Life Safety engineer or specialist that the facility is in compliance with the provisions of the Life Safety Code currently in force, applicable to domiciliaries.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA
(C) There is evidence that reported life safety deficiencies have been or are being corrected.	<u>(P) Partially Met</u>	S P N NA
(D) The facility has available an emergency service of electrical power to provide essential service when the normal electrical supply is interrupted.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA

(E) The buildings are accessible to and safe for persons with handicaps.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(F) The facility has a program for prevention and control of infection.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(G) Linens are handled, stored, processed, and transported in such a manner as to maintain a clean environment and prevent infection.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(H) The facility has an ongoing program of integrated pest management.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(I) Cleaning agents, maintenance supplies and pesticides are stored under safe and sanitary conditions.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA

3. Physical Environment: The facility provides a functional, aesthetically pleasing, sanitary, and comfortable environment for patients, personnel, and visitors.

(A) The facility employs a supervisor of sanitation and sufficiently trained personnel to maintain a safe, clean, and orderly environment.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(B) The buildings are maintained in a clean, attractive, and comfortable manner.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA

(C) Acceptable practices are employed for maintenance and repair of equipment, buildings, and grounds.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
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4. Medical Care: There is a comprehensive ambulatory medical care program designed to meet the needs of domiciliary patients.

(A) The facility ensures the provision of professional medical services for the patients.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(B) Each patient has primary physician responsible for the patient's medical care.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(C) Patients are classified according to domiciliary care required.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(D) A patient treatment plan is established and maintained for each domiciliary patient.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(E) Primary care medical services are provided for domiciliary patients as needed.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(F) Each patient has a complete medical re-evaluation annually and as needed.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA

(G) There is provision made for preventive and maintenance dental and other health services.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met
S P N NA	
(H) Transportation is available for patients needing medical, dental and other health services.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met
S P N NA	
(I) Domiciliary patients are admitted to an infirmary when necessary.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met
S P N NA	
(J) There is a written agreement with one or more hospitals to accept a patient requiring hospitalization.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met
S P N NA	
(K) Domiciliary patients are admitted to nursing home care or hospital care if medically necessary.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met
S P N NA	

5. Nursing Care: The facility maintains an organized nursing service with nursing personnel qualified to meet the nursing care needs of the domiciliary patient.

(A) A full-time qualified registered nurse is responsible for the nursing services provided the patients.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met
S P N NA	
(B) Primary care nursing services are provided for domiciliary patients.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met
S P N NA	

(C) Nursing services rendered are documented in the patient's medical record.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S	P	N	NA
(D) Nursing service participates in the establishment and maintenance of a treatment plan for each domiciliary patient.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S	P	N	NA
(E) The facility provides for 24-hour nursing services as required to meet the nursing care needs of the domiciliary patients.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S	P	N	NA

6. Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation services are provided as needed to improve and maintain maximum functioning of each domiciliary patient.

(A) The facility provides, or arranges for under a written agreement, rehabilitation services as needed by the patients.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S	P	N	NA
(B) Rehabilitation services are provided under a written plan of care for each patient.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S	P	N	NA
(C) Specialized rehabilitation therapy rendered, progress notes, and evaluation of the treatment plan are recorded in the patient's medical record.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S	P	N	NA

7. Social Services: The facility provides professional social work services to identify and meet the social and emotional needs of patients.

(A) A qualified social worker is on staff or the facility has a written agreement with a qualified social worker or recognized social agency for consultation on a regularly scheduled basis.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S	P	N	NA
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(B) A written psychosocial assessment is maintained in each patient's medical record.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(C) Results of social services rendered are documented in the patient's medical record.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(D) The facility has an organized procedure for discharge and transfers.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA

8. Dietetics: The facility provides a dietetic service that meets the daily nutritional needs of patients and ensures that special dietary needs are met.

(A) The dietetic service is under the direction of a qualified dietitian or a full-time dietetic service supervisor with consultation from a qualified dietitian.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(B) Menus, to the extent medically possible, are planned in accordance with the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(C) Special diets are available as needed	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA
(D) At least three or more regular meals are served daily, with not more than a 14-hour span between substantial evening meal and breakfast.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	S P N NA

(E) Dietetic service personnel practice safe and sanitary food handling techniques.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA
(F) Dining areas are large enough to accommodate all domiciliary patients.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA
(G) The nutritional status of each patient is monitored on a regular basis.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA

9. Patient Activities: An activities program is available to the domiciliary patients and designed to enhance each patient's sense of physical, psychosocial, and spiritual well being.

(A) A member of the facility's staff is designated as responsible for the patient activities program.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA
B) Space, equipment, and supplies for the activities program are adequate for individual and/or group activities.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA
(C) There are regularly scheduled activities during weekdays, evenings and weekends.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA
(D) Each patient's activity plan is a part of the overall treatment plan.	<u>(S) Substantially Met</u>	S P N NA

(E) Religious services and spiritual activities are provided for patients.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	
	S P N NA	
(F) Domiciliary patients are encouraged to participate in supervised community activities.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	
10. Pharmacy: Pharmaceutical services meet the needs of patients and are provided in accordance with ethical and professional practices and legal requirements.		
(A) A registered pharmacist is responsible for pharmacy services.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	One on staff. consults monthly
	S P N NA	
(B) A program is established for the safe procurement, control, and distribution of drugs.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	Very neat and orderly. One pharmacist takes care of the whole facility.
	S P N NA	
(C) There is controlled access to all drugs and substances used for treatment.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	Appropriate measures taken
	S P N NA	
(D) Patients on self-medication are instructed by qualified personnel on the proper use of drugs.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	Yes, they are assessed regularly
	S P N NA	
(E) Provision is made for qualified nursing personnel to administer medication to patients who are not in a self-medication program.	<u>(S)</u> Substantially Met	Only assistant living not in the nursing unit
	S P N NA	

(F) There is an established system for monitoring the outcome of drug therapy or treatment.	(S) Substantially Met	Monthly cart reviews every 6 months in assistant living
S P N NA		

11. Medical Records: The patient's health status is documented regularly in the medical record in accordance with the treatment plan.

(A) Medical records are completely legible and accurately documented, readily accessible, and systematically organized to facilitate retrieving and compiling information.	(S) Substantially Met	
S P N NA		
(B) The facility safeguards medical record information against loss, destruction, or unauthorized use.	(S) Substantially Met	
S P N NA		
(C) The medical record contains sufficient information to clearly identify the patient.	(S) Substantially Met	
S P N NA		

12. Quality Assurance: The facility has an active quality assurance program in the domiciliary to ensure effective utilization and delivery of patient care services.

(A) A member of the facility's staff or facility committee is designated as responsible for coordinating the quality assurance program.	(S) Substantially Met	
S P N NA		
(B) The quality assurance program encompasses reviews of all services and programs provided for the domiciliary patients.	(S) Substantially Met	
S P N NA		
(C) The quality assurance program encompasses ongoing utilization review.	(S) Substantially Met	
S P N NA		

(D) The quality assurance program is reevaluated at least annually.	(S) Substantially Met	
	S P N NA	

13. Quality of Life: The domiciliary level of care fosters a quality of life conducive to self esteem, security, and personal growth.

(A) Patients are treated with respect and dignity.	(S) Substantially Met	
	S P N NA	
(B) There is input to the domiciliary program through a patient advisory council.	(S) Substantially Met	
	S P N NA	
(C) A home like environment is provided.	(S) Substantially Met	
	S P N NA	
(D) The facility has written policies and procedures concerning the rights and responsibilities of the domiciliary patient.	(S) Substantially Met	
	S P N NA	
(E) Patients are oriented to the policies and procedures of the domiciliary on admission.	(S) Substantially Met	
	S P N NA	
(F) Patients may manage personal financial affairs or are given an accounting as required by state law, of financial transactions made on their behalf.	(S) Substantially Met	
	S P N NA	

Department of Veterans Affairs

INITIAL SURVEY STATE HOME INSPECTION (Standards - Nursing Home Care)

RE-SURVEY	DATE SURVEYED June 5-6-7, 2007	REPORTS CONTROL NUMBER EXEMPT
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NAME OF FACILITY Street Address, City, County, State, Zip Code
Western Nebraska Veterans HomeSURVEYED BY (VHA Field Activity of Jurisdiction)
VHA Field Activity of Jurisdiction)

SURVEYORS NAME AND CORRESPONDENCE SYMBOL

1. William Anderson <i>William Anderson</i>	6. Melvin Crawford <i>Melvin Crawford</i>	11. 158 standards
2. Steve Legg <i>Steve Legg</i>	7. Chris Braun <i>Chris Braun</i>	12.
3. Thomas Cassidy <i>Thomas Cassidy</i>	8. LaRoy Books <i>LaRoy Books</i>	LEGEND: M=Met; P=Provisional Met; N=Not Met; NA=Not Applicable
4. James Brausch <i>James Brausch</i>	9. Deb Wilson <i>Deb Wilson</i>	
5. Cathy Teasle <i>Cathy Teasle</i>	10. Hilde Dunbar <i>Hilde Dunbar</i>	

STANDARDS FOR NURSING HOME CARE

CHOOSE ONE EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS

§ 51.210 Administration

A facility must be administered in a manner that enables it to use its resources effectively and efficiently to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well being of each resident.

a. Governing body:

1. The State must have a governing body, or designated person functioning as a governing body, that is legally responsible for establishing and implementing policies regarding the management and operation of the facility; and
 - i. Licensed by the State where licensing is required;
 - ii. Responsible for operations and management of the facility.
2. The governing body or State official with oversight for the facility appoints the administrator who is:
 - i. Licensed by the State where licensing is required;
 - ii. Responsible for operations and management of the facility.

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	N	NA

	b. Disclosure of State agency and individual responsible for oversight of facility. The State must give written notice to the Chief Consultant, Geriatrics and Extended Care Strategic Healthcare Group (114), VA Headquarters, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at the time of the change, if any of the following change:	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA
	1. The State agency and individual responsible for oversight of a State home facility.		
	2. The State home administrator;		
	3. The State employee responsible for oversight of the State home facility if a contractor operates the State home.		
	C 7. Annual State Fire Marshall's report.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA
	c. State official must sign four certificates	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA
	8. Annual certification from the responsible State agency showing compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112) (VA Form 10-0143 A set forth at § 51.224);	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA
	9. Annual certification for Drug-free Workplace Act of 1988 (VA Form 10-0143 set forth at § 51.225);	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA
	10. Annual certification regarding lobbying in compliance with Public Law 101-121 (VA Form 10-0144 set forth at § 51.226);	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA
	11. Annual certification of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as incorporated in Title 38 CFR 18.1-18.3 (VA Form 27-10-0144A located at § 51.227);	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA
	Percentage of Veterans. The percent of the facility residents eligible for VA nursing home care must be at least 75 percent veterans except that the veteran percentage need only be more than 50 percent if the facility was constructed or renovated solely with State funds. All non-veterans residents must be spouses of veterans or parents all of whose children died while serving in the armed forces of the United States.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA

Management Contract Facility. If a facility is operated by an entity contracting with the State, the State must assign a State employee to monitor the operations of the facility on a full-time onsite basis.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N N/A	
Licensure. The facility and facility management must comply with applicable State and local licensure laws.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N N/A	
Staffing qualifications:	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N N/A	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The facility management must employ on a full-time, part-time or consultant basis those professionals necessary to carry out the provisions of these requirements 2. Professional staff must be licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with applicable State laws. 			
h. Use of Outside Resources:	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N N/A	
<p>If the facility does not employ a qualified professional person to furnish a specific service to be provided by the facility, the facility management must have that service furnished to residents by a person or agency outside the facility under a written agreement described in paragraph (h) (2) of this section.</p> <p>Agreements pertaining to services furnished by outside resources must specify in writing that the facility management assumes responsibility for:</p> <p>Obtaining services that meet professional standards and principles that apply to professionals providing services in such a facility; and The timeliness of the service.</p>			
i. Medical Director:	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N N/A	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The facility management must designate a primary care physician to serve as medical director. 2. The medical director is responsible for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Participating in establishing policies, procedures, and guidelines to ensure adequate, comprehensive services; 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Directing and coordinating medical care in the facility; iii. Helping to arrange for continuous physician coverage to handle medical emergencies; iv. Reviewing the credentialing and privileging process; v. Participating in managing the environment by reviewing and evaluating incident reports or summarizes of incident reports, identifying hazards to health and safety, and making recommendations to the administrator; and vi. Monitoring employees' health status and advising the administrator on employee health policies. 	<p>Refer to rating above</p>				
<p>j. Credentialing and privileging. Credentialing is the process of obtaining, verifying, and assessing the qualifications of a health care practitioner, which may include physicians, podiatrists, dentists, psychologists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, licensed nurses to provide patient care services in or for a health care organization. Privileging is the process whereby a specific scope and content of patient care services are authorized for a health care practitioner by the facility management, based on evaluation of the individual's credentials and performance.</p>	<p>(M) MET</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">M</td> <td style="width: 15%;">P</td> <td style="width: 15%;">N</td> <td style="width: 15%;">NA</td> </tr> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The facility management must uniformly apply Credentialing criteria to licensed independent practitioners applying to provide resident care or treatment under the facility's care. 2. The facility management must verify and uniformly apply the following core criteria: Current licensures; current certification, if applicable, relevant education, training, and experience; current competence; and a statement that the individual is able to perform the services he or she is applying to provide. 3. The facility management must decide whether to authorize the independent practitioner to provide resident care or treatment, and each credential's file must indicate that these criteria are uniformly and individually applied. 4. The facility management must maintain documentation of current credentials for each licensed independent practitioner practicing within the facility. 5. When reappointing a licensed independent practitioner, the facility management must review the individual's record of experience. 	M	P	N	NA
M	P	N	NA		

		Refer to rating above	
6. The facility management systematically must assess whether individuals with clinical privileges act within the scope of privileges granted.	<p>k. Required training of nursing aides.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nurse aide means any individual providing nursing or nursing-related services to residents in a facility who is not a licensed health professional, a registered dietitian, or a volunteer who provide such services without pay. 2. The facility management must not use any individual working in the facility as a nurse aide whether permanent or not unless: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. That individual is competent to provide nursing and nursing related services; and ii. That individual has completed a training and competency evaluation program, or a competency evaluation program approved by the State. 	<u>M</u> MET	Met. Good documentation initial and annual inserving, training and competencies. 2. Met
	<p>3. Registry verification. Before allowing an individual to serve as a nurse aide, facility management must receive registry verification that the individual has met competency evaluation requirements unless the individual can prove that he or she has recently successfully completed a training and competency evaluation program or competency evaluation program approved by the State and has not yet been included in the registry. Facilities must follow up to ensure that such an individual actually becomes registered.</p> <p>4. Multi-State registry verification. Before allowing an individual to serve as a nurse aide, facility management must seek information from every State registry established under HHS regulations at 42 CFR 483.156 which the facility believes will include information on the individual.</p>	<u>M</u> MET	3 and 4 Met, good verification and tracking done.

		<u>M</u> <u>O</u> <u>MET</u>	Met; good follow through noted, very organized, recommend inservicing for those illness/ disease states that are uncommon like Shydragger syndrome. Facility has an inservice scheduled for August 2007 for Shydraggers.
5.	Required retraining. If, since an individual's most recent completion of a training and competency evaluation program, there has been a continuous period of 24 consecutive months during none of which the individual provided nursing or nursing-related services for monetary compensation, the individual must complete a new training and competency evaluation program or a new competency evaluation program.	M P N N/A	
6.	Regular in-service education. The facility management must complete a performance review of every nurse aide at least once every 12 months, and must provide regular in-service education based on the outcome of these reviews. The in-service training must:		
	i. Be sufficient to ensure the continuing competence of nurse aides, but must be no less than 12 hours per year; ii. Address areas of weakness as determined in nurse aide's performance reviews and may address the special needs of residents as determined by the facility staff; and iii. For nurse aides providing services to individuals with cognitive impairments, also address the care of the cognitively impaired.		
1.	Proficiency of nurse aides. The facility management must ensure that nurse aides are able to demonstrate competency in skills and techniques necessary to care for residents' needs, as identified through resident assessments, and described in the plan of care.	<u>M</u> <u>O</u> <u>MET</u>	MEt: facility checks on hire for completion and passing of initial training, plus has a skill performance check off on hire and competency reevaluation annually
m.	Level B Requirement Laboratory services.	<u>M</u> <u>O</u> <u>MET</u>	
	1. The facility management must provide or obtain laboratory services to meet the needs of its residents. The facility is responsible for the quality and timeliness of the services: i. If the facility provides its own laboratory services, the services must meet all applicable certification standards, statutes, and regulations for laboratory services. ii. If the facility provides blood bank and transfusion services, it must meet all applicable certification standards, statutes and regulations. iii. If the laboratory chooses to refer specimens for testing to another laboratory, the referral laboratory	M P N N/A	

<p>must be certified in the appropriate specialties and subspecialties of services and meet certification standards, statutes, and regulations.</p> <p>iv. The laboratory performing the testing must have a current, valid CLIA number (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988). The facility management must provide VA surveyors with the CLIA number and a copy of the results of the last CLIA inspection.</p> <p>v. Such services must be available to the resident seven days a week, 24 hours a day.</p>	<p>Provide CLIA#/Report See rating above</p>
<p>2. The facility management must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Provide or obtain laboratory services only when ordered by the primary physician; ii. Promptly notify the primary physician of the findings; iii. Assist the resident in making transportation arrangements to and from the source of service, if the resident needs assistance; and iv. File in the resident's clinical record laboratory reports that are dated and contain the name and address of the testing laboratory. 	<p>(M) MET</p> <p>M P N NA</p>
<p>n. Radiology and other diagnostic services.</p> <p>1. The facility management must provide or obtain radiology and other diagnostic services to meet the needs of its residents. The facility is responsible for the quality and timeliness of the services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If the facility provides its own diagnostic services, the services must meet all applicable certification standards, statutes, and regulations. ii. If the facility does not provide its own diagnostic services, it must have an agreement to obtain these services. The services must meet all applicable certification standards, statutes, and regulations. iii. Radiologic and other diagnostic services must be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. <p>2. The facility management must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Provide or obtain radiology and other diagnostic services only when ordered by the primary physician; ii. Promptly notify the primary physician of the findings; iii. Assist the resident in making transportation 	<p>VA FORM 10-3567b (TEST) February 7, 2000</p>

		arrangements to and from the source of service, if the resident needs assistance; and iv. File in the resident's clinical record signed and dated reports of x-ray and other diagnostic services.	See rating above	
o. Clinical Records.			<u>(M) MET</u>	
1.	The facility management must maintain clinical records on each resident in accordance with accepted professional standards and practices that are:	i. Complete; ii. Accurately documented; iii. Readily accessible; and iv. Systematically organized.	M P N NA	
2.	Clinical records must be retained for:	i. The period of time required by State law; or ii. Five years from the date of discharge when there is no requirement in the State law.	M P N NA	
3.	The facility management must safeguard clinical record information against loss, destruction, or unauthorized use;		<u>(M) MET</u>	
4.	The facility management must keep confidential all information contained in the resident's records, regardless of the form or storage method of the records, except when release is required by:	i. Transfer to another health care institution; ii. Law; iii. Third party payment contract; or iv. The resident.	M P N NA	
5.	The Clinical record must contain:	i. Sufficient information to identify the residents; ii. A record of the resident's assessments; iii. The plan of care and services provided; iv. The results of any pre-admission screening conducted by the State; and v. Progress notes.	<u>(M) MET</u>	

P. Quality assessment and assurance.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M, done per protocol and requirement
1. Facility management must maintain a quality assessment and assurance committee consisting of:	M P N NA	
i. The director of nursing services; ii. A primary physician designated by the facility; and iii. At least three other members of the facility's staff.		
2. The quality assessment and assurance committee:	<u>(M) MET</u>	Met: Interdisciplinary approach , meets quarterly.
i. Meets at least quarterly to identify issues with respect to which quality assessment and assurance activities are necessary; and ii. Develops and implements appropriate plans of action to correct identified quality deficiencies; and	M P N NA	
3. Identified quality deficiencies are corrected within an established time period.	<u>(M) MET</u>	Mets monthly besides quarterly and has action plan process to correct deficiencies found.
q. Disaster and emergency preparedness.	<u>(M) MET</u>	
1. The facility management must have detailed written plans and procedures to meet all potential emergencies and disasters, such as fire, severe weather, and missing residents.	M P N NA	
2. The facility management must train all employees in emergency procedures when they begin to work in the facility, periodically review the procedures with existing staff, and carry out unannounced staff drills using those procedures.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA
r. Transfer agreement.	<u>(M) MET</u>	
1. The facility management must have in effect a written transfer agreement with one or more hospitals that reasonably assures that:	M P N NA	Residents will be transferred from the nursing home to the hospital, and ensured of timely admission to the hospital when transfer is medically appropriate as determined by the primary physician; and Medical and other information needed for care and

	treatment of residents, and, when the transferring facility deems it appropriate, for determining whether such residents can be adequately cared for in a less expensive setting than either the nursing home or the hospital, will be exchanged between the institutions.	See rating above	
2.	The facility is considered to have a transfer agreement in effect if the facility has an agreement with a hospital sufficiently close to the facility to make transfer feasible.		
u.	Intermitting. A building housing a facility recognized as a State home for providing nursing home care may only provide nursing home care in the areas of the building recognized as a State home for providing nursing home care.	(M) MET	
§ 51.40	Monthly Payment.	(M) MET Refer to VA Fiscal Audit Report	
a.	1. VA will pay per diem monthly for nursing home care provided to an eligible veteran in a facility recognized as a State home for nursing home care. During Fiscal Year 2000, VA will pay the lesser of the following: i. one-half of the costs of the care for each day the veteran is in the facility, or ii. \$50.55 for each day the veteran is in the facility.	M P N NA	
2.	Per diem will be paid only for the days that the veteran is a resident at the facility. For purposes of paying per diem, VA will consider a veteran to be a resident at the facility during each full day that the veteran is receiving care at the facility. VA will not deem the veteran to be a resident at the facility if the veteran is receiving care outside the State home facility at VA expense. Otherwise, VA will deem the veteran to be a Resident at the facility during any absence from the facility that last no more than 96 consecutive hours. This absence will be considered to have ended when the veteran returns as a resident if the veteran's stay is for at least a continuous 24-hour period.	(M) MET M P N NA	
	Total per diem costs for an eligible veteran's nursing home care consist of those direct and indirect costs attributable to nursing home care at the facility divided by the total number of patients (veterans + non-veterans) at the nursing home. Note: Fiscal audit should review and validate the total per diem cost report on VA Form 10-5588 in column i4L.	(M) MET M P N NA	

<p>S 51.70 Resident Rights</p> <p>The resident has the right to a dignified existence, self-determination, and communication with and access to persons and services inside and outside the facility. The facility management must protect and promote the rights of each resident, including each of the following rights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise of rights. 	<p><u>M</u> <u>M</u> <u>M</u> <u>E</u> <u>T</u></p> <p>M P N N/A</p>
<p>The resident has a right to exercise his or her rights as a resident of the facility and as a citizen or resident of the United States.</p> <p>The resident has the right to be free of interference, coercion, discrimination, and reprisal from the facility management in exercising his or her rights.</p> <p>The resident has the right to freedom from chemical or physical restraint.</p>	<p>In the case of a resident determined incompetent under the laws of a State by a court of jurisdiction, the rights of the resident are exercised by the person appointed under State law to act on the resident's behalf.</p> <p>In the case of a resident who has not been determined incompetent by the State court, any legal-surrogate designated in accordance with State law may exercise the resident's rights to the extent provided by State law.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notice of rights and services. 	<p><u>M</u> <u>M</u> <u>E</u> <u>T</u></p> <p>M P N N/A</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The facility management must inform the resident both orally and in writing in a language that the resident understands of his or her rights and all rules and regulations governing resident conduct and responsibilities during the stay in the facility. Such notification must be made prior to or upon admission and periodically during the resident's stay. 2. The resident or his or her legal representative has the right: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Upon an oral or written request, to access all records pertaining to himself or herself including current clinical records within 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays); and ii. After receipt of his or her records for review, to purchase at a cost not to exceed the community 	

	standard photocopies of the records or any portions of them upon request and with 2 working days advance notice to the facility management.	See rating above
3.	The resident has the right to be fully informed in language that he or she can understand of his or her total health status;	
4.	The resident has the right to refuse treatment, to refuse to participate in experimental research, and to formulate an advance directive as specified in paragraph (b)(7) of this section; and	
5.	The facility management must inform each resident before, or at the time of admission, and periodically during the resident's stay, of services available in the facility and of charges for those services to be billed to the resident.	
6.	The facility management must furnish a written description of legal rights which includes:	
i.	A description of the manner of protecting personal funds, under paragraph (c) of this section;	
ii.	A statement that the resident may file a complaint with the State (agency) concerning resident abuse, neglect, misappropriation of resident property in the facility, and non-compliance with the advance directives requirements.	
7.	The facility management must have written policies and procedures regarding advance directives (e.g., living wills). These requirements include provisions to inform and provide written information to all residents concerning the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment and, at the individual's option, formulate an advance directive. This includes a written description of the facility's policies to implement advance directives and applicable State law. If an individual is incapacitated at the time of admission and is unable to receive information (due to the incapacitating conditions) or articulate whether or not he or she has executed an advance directive, the facility may give advance directive information to the individual's family or surrogate in the same manner that it issues other materials about policies and procedures to the family of the incapacitated individual or to a surrogate or other concerned persons in accordance with State law. The facility management is not relieved of its obligation to provide this information to the individual once he or she is no longer incapacitated or unable to receive such information. Follow-up procedures must be in place to provide the information to	See rating above

	the individual directly at the appropriate time.	See rating above	
8.	The facility management must inform each resident of the name and way of contacting the primary physician responsible for his or her care.		
9.	<p>Notification of changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Facility management must immediately inform the resident; consult with the primary physician; and if known, notify the resident's legal representative or an interested family member when there is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. An accident involving the resident which results in injury and has the potential for requiring physician intervention; B. A significant change in the resident's physical, mental, or psychosocial status (i.e., a deterioration in health, mental, or psychosocial status in either life-threatening conditions or clinical complications); C. A need to alter treatment significantly (i.e., a need to discontinue an existing form of treatment due to adverse consequences, or to commence a new form of treatment); D. A decision to transfer or discharge the resident from the facility as specified in § 51.80(a) of this part. ii. The facility management must also promptly notify the resident and, if known, the resident's legal representative or interested family member when there is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. A change in room or roommate assignment as specified in § 51.100 (f)(2); or B. A change in resident rights under Federal or State law or regulations as specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section. iii. The facility management must record and periodically update the address and phone number of the resident's legal representative or interested family member. 	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p> <p>M P N NA</p>	

	c. Protection of resident funds.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N N/A	
1.	The resident has the right to manage his or her financial affairs, and the facility management may not require residents to deposit their personal funds with the facility.			
2.	Management of personal funds. Upon written authorization of a resident, the facility management must hold, safeguard, manage, and account for the personal funds of the resident deposited with the facility, as specified in paragraphs (c)(3)-(6) of this section.			
3.	Deposit of funds.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N N/A	
i.	Funds in excess of \$100. The facility management must deposit any resident's personal funds in excess of \$100 in an interest bearing account (or accounts) that is separate from any of the facility's operating accounts, and that credits all interest earned on resident's funds to that account. (In pooled accounts, there must be a separate accounting for each resident's share.)			
ii.	Funds less than \$100. The facility management must maintain a resident's personal funds that do not exceed \$100 in a non-interest bearing account, interest-bearing account, or petty cash fund.			
4.	Accounting and records. The facility management must establish and maintain a system that assures a full and complete and separate accounting, according to generally accepted accounting principles, of each resident's personal funds entrusted to the facility on the resident's behalf.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N N/A	
i.	The system must preclude any commingling of resident funds with facility funds or with the funds of any person other than another resident.			
ii.	The individual financial record must be available through quarterly statements and on request to the resident or his or her legal representative.			
5.	Conveyance upon death. Upon the death of a resident with a personal fund deposited with the facility, the facility management must convey within 30 days the resident's funds, and a final accounting of those funds, to the individual or probate jurisdiction administering the resident's estate.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N N/A	

			<u>(M) MET</u>	
6.	Assurance of financial security. The facility management must purchase a surety bond, or otherwise provide assurance satisfactory to the Under Secretary for Health, to assure the security of all personal funds of residents deposited with the facility.	M P N NA		
d.	Free Choice. The resident has the right to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be fully informed in advance about care and treatment and of any changes in that care or treatment that may affect the resident's well-being; and 2. Unless determined incompetent or otherwise determined to be incapacitated under the laws of the State, participate in planning care and treatment or changes in care and treatment. 	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	
e.	Privacy and confidentiality. The resident has the right to personal privacy and confidentiality of his or her personal and clinical records. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residents have a right to personal privacy in their accommodations, medical treatment, written and telephone communications, personal care, visits, and meetings of family and resident groups. This does not require the facility management to give a private room to each resident. 2. Except as provided in paragraph (e)(3) of this section, the resident may approve or refuse the release of personal and clinical records to any individual outside the facility; 3. The resident's right to refuse release of personal and clinical records does not apply when: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The resident is transferred to another health care institution; or ii. Record release is required by law. 	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	

		<u>(M) MET</u>	
f. Grievances. A resident has the right to:			
1. Voice grievances without discrimination or reprisal. Residents may voice grievances with respect to treatment received and not received; and	M P N NA		
2. Prompt efforts by the facility to resolve grievances the resident may have, including those with respect to the behavior of other residents.			
g. Examination of survey results. A resident has the right to:	<u>(M) MET</u>		
1. Examine the results of the most recent VA survey with respect to the facility. The facility management must make the results available for examination in a place readily accessible to residents, and must post a notice of their availability; and	M P N NA		
2. Receive information from agencies acting as clinical advocates, and be afforded the opportunity to contact these agencies.			
h. Work. The resident has the right to:	<u>(M) MET</u>		
1. Refuse to perform services for the facility;	M P N NA		
2. Perform services for the facility, if he or she chooses, when:			
i. The facility has documented the need or desire for work in the plan of care;			
ii. The plan specifies the nature of the services performed and whether the services are voluntary or paid;			
iii. Compensation for paid services is at or above prevailing rates; and			
iv. The resident agrees to the work arrangement described in the plan of care.			
i. Mail. The resident has the right to privacy in written communications, including the right to:	<u>(M) MET</u>		
1. Send and promptly receive mail that is unopened; and	M P N NA		
2. Have access to stationary, postage, and writing implements at the resident's own expense.			

		<u>(M) MET</u>	
j. Access and visitation rights.			
1. The resident has the right and the facility management must provide immediate access to any resident by the following:	M P N NA		
i. Any representative of the Under Secretary for Health;	M P N NA		
ii. Any representative of the State;	M P N NA		
iii. Physicians of the resident's choice;	M P N NA		
iv. The State long-term care ombudsman;	M P N NA		
v. Immediate family or other relatives of the resident subject to the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time; and	M P N NA		
vi. Others who are visiting subject to reasonable restrictions and the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time.	M P N NA		
2. The facility management must provide reasonable access to any resident by any entity or individual that provides health, social, legal, or other services to the resident, subject to the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time.	M P N NA		
3. The facility management must allow representatives of the State Ombudsman Program, described in paragraph (j)(1)(iv) of this section, to examine a resident's clinical records with the permission of the resident or the resident's legal representative, subject to State law.	M P N NA		
k. Telephone. The resident has the right to reasonable access to use a telephone where calls can be made without being overheard.	<u>(M) MET</u>		
l. Personal property. The resident has the right to retain and use personal possessions, including some furnishings, and appropriate clothing, as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights or health and safety of other residents.	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	
m. Married couples. The resident has the right to share a room with his or her spouse when married residents live in the same facility and both spouses consent to the arrangement.	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	

<p>n. Self-Administration of drugs. An individual resident may self-administer drugs if the interdisciplinary team, as defined by § 51.110(d)(2)(ii) of this part, has determined that this practice is safe.</p>	<u>(M) MET</u> <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	Written procedure- residents are reevaluated periodically
<p>§ 51.80 Admission, transfer and discharge rights.</p> <p>a. Transfer and discharge:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition. Transfer and discharge includes movement of a resident to a bed outside of the facility whether that bed is in the same physical plant or not. Transfer and discharge does not refer to movement of a resident to a bed within the same facility. 2. Transfer and discharge requirements. The facility management must permit each resident to remain in the facility, and not transfer or discharge the resident from the facility unless: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The transfer or discharge is necessary for the resident's welfare and the resident's needs cannot be met in the nursing home; ii. The transfer or discharge is appropriate because the resident's health has improved sufficiently so the resident no longer needs the services provided by the nursing home; iii. The safety of individuals in the facility is endangered; iv. The health of individuals in the facility would otherwise be endangered; v. The resident has failed, after reasonable and appropriate notice to pay for a stay at the facility; or vi. The nursing home ceases to operate. 	<u>(M) MET</u> <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
<p>3. Documentation. When the facility transfers or discharges a resident under any of the circumstances specified in paragraphs (a)(2)(i) through (a)(2)(vi) of this section, the primary physician must document in the resident's clinical record.</p> <p>4. Notice before transfer. Before a facility transfers or discharges a resident, the facility must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Notify the resident and, if known, a family member or legal representative of the resident of the transfer or discharge and the reasons for the move in writing and in a language and manner they understand. 	<u>(M) MET</u> <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<u>(M) MET</u> <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA

<p>ii. Record the reasons in the resident's clinical record; and iii. Include in the notice the items described in paragraph (a)(6) of this section.</p>	<p>See rating above</p>			
<p>5. Timing of the notice.</p> <p>The notice of transfer or discharge required under paragraph (a)(4) of this section must be made by the facility at least 30 days before the resident is transferred or discharged, except when specified in paragraph (a)(5)(i) of this section; Notice may be made as soon as practicable before transfer or discharge when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The safety of individuals in the facility would be endangered; B. The health of individuals in the facility would be otherwise endangered; C. The resident's health improves sufficiently so the resident no longer needs the services provided by the nursing home; D. The resident's needs cannot be met in the nursing home. 	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p>	<p>M P N NA</p>	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p>	<p>M P N NA</p>
<p>Contents of the notice. The written notice specified in paragraph (a)(4) of this section must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The reason for transfer or discharge; ii. The effective date of transfer or discharge; iii. The location to which the resident is transferred or discharged; iv. A statement that the resident has the right to appeal the action to the State official designated by the State; and v. The name, address and telephone number of the State long term care ombudsman. 	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p>	<p>M P N NA</p>	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p>	<p>M P N NA</p>
<p>7. Orientation for transfer or discharge. A facility management must provide sufficient preparation and orientation to residents to ensure safe and orderly transfer or discharge from the facility.</p>	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p>			

		<u>(M) MET</u>	
b.	Notice of bed-hold policy and readmission.		
1.	Notice before transfer. Before a facility transfers a resident to a hospital or allows a resident to go on therapeutic leave, the facility management must provide written information to the resident and a family member or legal representative that specifies:	M P N NA	
	i. The duration of the facility's bed-hold policy, if any, during which the resident is permitted to return and resume residence in the facility; and		
	ii. The facility's policies regarding bed-hold periods, which must be consistent with paragraph (b)(3) of this section permitting a resident to return.		
2.	Bed-hold notice upon transfer. At the time of transfer of a resident for hospitalization or therapeutic leave, facility management must provide to the resident and a family member or legal representative written notice which specifies the duration of the bed-hold policy described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.		
3.	Permitting resident to return to facility. A nursing facility must establish and follow a written policy under which a resident, whose hospitalization or therapeutic leave exceeds the bed-hold period is readmitted to the facility immediately upon the first availability of a bed in a semi-private room. If the resident requires the services provided by the facility.		
c.	Equal access to quality care. The facility management must establish and maintain identical policies and practices regarding transfer, discharge, and the provision of services for all individuals regardless of source of payment.	(M) MET M P N NA	
d.	Admissions policy. The facility management must not require a third party guarantee of payment to the facility as a condition of admission or expedited admission, or continued stay in the facility. However, the facility may require an individual who has legal access to a resident's income or resources available to pay for facility care to sign a contract to pay the facility from the resident's income or resources.	(M) MET M P N NA	

§ 51.90 Resident behavior and facility practices.

<p>a. Restraints.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The resident has a right to be free from any chemical or physical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience. When a restraint is applied or used, the purpose of the restraint is reviewed and is justified as a therapeutic intervention. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chemical restraint is the inappropriate use of a sedating psychotropic drug to manage or control behavior. ii. Physical restraint is any method of physically restricting a person's freedom of movement, physical activity or normal access to his or her body. Bed rails and vest restraints are examples of physical restraints. 2. The facility management uses a system to achieve a restraint-free environment. 3. The facility management collects data about the use of restraints. 4. When alternatives to the use of restraint are ineffective, restraint is safely and appropriately used. 	<p>(M) MET</p> <p>M P N N/A</p>	<p>: No restraints in use chemical or physical</p>
<p>b. Abuse.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The resident has the right to be free from mental, physical, sexual, and verbal abuse or neglect, corporal punishment, and involuntary seclusion. 2. Mental abuse includes humiliation, harassment, and threats of punishment or deprivation. 3. Sexual abuse includes sexual harassment, sexual coercion, and sexual assault. 4. Neglect is any impaired quality of life for an individual because of the absence of minimal services or resources to meet basic needs. Includes withholding or inadequately providing food and hydration (without physician, resident, or surrogate approval), clothing, medical care, and good hygiene. May also include 	<p>(M) MET</p> <p>M P N N/A</p>	<p>Met: Some member to member altercations , handle per protocol and appropriate notifications done. Staff could inform nurse surveyor of abuse P/P</p>

placing the individual in unsafe or unsupervised conditions.	See rating above		
<p>5. Involuntary seclusion is a resident's separation from other residents or from the resident's room against his or her will or the will of his or her legal representative.</p> <p>c. Staff treatment of residents. The facility management must develop and implement written policies and procedures that prohibit mistreatment, neglect, and abuse of residents and misappropriation of resident property. The facility management must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Not employ individuals who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have been found guilty of abusing, neglecting, or mistreating individuals by a court of law; or - Have had a finding entered into an applicable State registry or with the applicable licensing authority concerning abuse, neglect, mistreatment of individuals or misappropriation of their property; and ii. Report any knowledge it has of actions by a court of law against an employee, which would indicate unfitness for service as a nurse aide or other facility staff to the State nurse aide registry or licensing authorities. 2. The facility management must ensure that all alleged violations involving mistreatment, neglect, or abuse, including injuries of unknown source, and misappropriation of resident property are reported immediately to the administrator of the facility and to other officials in accordance with State law through established procedures. 3. The facility management must have evidence that all alleged violations are thoroughly investigated, and must prevent further potential abuse while the investigation is in progress. 4. The results of all investigations must be reported to the administrator or the designated representative and to other officials in accordance with State law within 5 working days of the incident, and appropriate corrective action must be taken if the alleged violation is verified. 	(M) MET	Policies and Procedures in place to prevent mistreatment of residents.	

<p>§ 51.100 Quality of Life.</p> <p>A facility management must care for its residents in a manner and in an environment that promotes maintenance or enhancement of each resident's quality of life.</p>	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p>	<p>M P N NA</p>	
<p>a. Dignity. The facility management must promote care for residents in a manner and in an environment that maintains or enhances each resident's dignity and respect in full recognition of his or her individuality.</p>			
<p>b. Self-determination and participation. The resident has the right to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose activities, schedules, and health care consistent with his or her interests, assessments, and plans for care; 2. Interact with members of the community both inside and outside the facility; and 3. Make choices about aspects of his or her life in the facility that are significant to the resident. 			
<p>c. Resident Council. The facility management must establish a council of residents that meet at least quarterly. The facility management must document any concerns submitted to the management of the facility by the council.</p>	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p>	<p>M P N NA</p>	
<p>d. Participation in resident and family groups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A resident has the right to organize and participate in resident groups in the facility; 2. A resident's family has the right to meet in the facility with the families of other residents in the facility; 3. The facility management must provide the council and any resident or family group that exists with private space; 4. Staff or visitors may attend meetings at the group's invitation; 	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p>	<p>M P N NA</p>	

			See rating above
5.	The facility management must provide a designated staff person responsible for providing assistance and responding to written requests that result from group meetings;		
6.	The facility management must listen to the views of any resident or family group, including the council established under paragraph (C) of this section, and act upon the concerns of residents, families, and the council regarding policy and operational decisions affecting resident care and life in the facility.		
e.	Participation in other activities. A resident has the right to participate in social, religious, and community activities that do not interfere with the rights of other residents in the facility. The facility management must arrange for religious counseling by clergy of various faith groups.	(M) MET M P N NA	
f.	Accommodation of needs. A resident has the right to: Reside and receive services in the facility with reasonable accommodation of individual needs and preferences, except when the health or safety of the individual or other residents would be endangered; and Receive notice before the resident's room or roommate in the facility is changed.	(M) MET M P N NA	
g.	Patient activities.	(M) MET M P N NA	
	1. The facility management must provide for an ongoing program of activities designed to meet, in accordance with the comprehensive assessment, the interests and the physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident. 2. The activities program must be directed by a qualified professional who is a qualified therapeutic recreation specialist or an activities professional who: - Is licensed or registered, if applicable, by the State in which practicing, and - Is certified as a therapeutic recreation specialist or as an activities professional by a recognized accrediting body.	(M) MET M P N NA	

		<u>(M) MET</u>	
h. Social Services.			
1. The facility management must provide medically related social services to attain or maintain the highest practicable mental and psychosocial well being of each resident;	M P N NA		
2. A nursing home with 100 or more beds must employ a qualified social worker on a full-time basis;	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	
3. Qualifications of social worker. A qualified social worker is an individual with: A bachelor's degree in social work from a school accredited by the Council of Social Work Education; and Note: A master's degree social worker with experience in long-term care is preferred. A social work license from the State in which the State home is located, if offered by the State; and A minimum of one year of supervised social work experience, in a health care setting working directly with individuals.	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	
4. The facility management must have sufficient support staff to meet patient's social services needs.	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	
5. Facilities for social services must ensure privacy for interviews.	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	
i. Environment. The facility management must provide:	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	
1. A safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment, allowing the resident to use his or her personal belongings to the extent possible;	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	
2. Housekeeping and maintenance services necessary to maintain a sanitary, orderly, and comfortable interior;	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	
3. Clean bed and bath linens that are in good condition;	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>	

4. Private closet space in each resident room, as specified in § 51.200 (d)(2)(iv) of this part;	(M) MET	M P N NA
5. Adequate and comfortable lighting levels in all areas;	(M) MET	M P N NA
6. Comfortable and safe temperature levels. Facilities must maintain a temperature range of 71-81 degrees F.; and	(M) MET	M P N NA
7. For the maintenance of comfortable sound levels.	(M) MET	M P N NA
§ 51.110 Resident assessment.	(M) MET	M P N NA
The facility management must conduct initially, annually and as required by a change in the resident's condition a comprehensive, accurate, standardized, reproducible assessment of each resident's functional capacity.		
a. Admission orders. At the time each resident is admitted, the facility management must have physician orders for the resident's immediate care and a medical assessment, including a medical history and physical examination, within a time frame appropriate to the resident's condition, not to exceed 72 hours after admission, except when an examination was performed within five days before admission and the findings were recorded in the medical record on admission.		
b. Comprehensive assessments.	(M) MET	M P N NA
1. The facility management must make a comprehensive assessment of a resident's needs;		
i. Using the Health Care Financing Administration Long Term Care Resident Assessment Instrument Version 2.0; and		
ii. Describing the resident's capability to perform daily life functions, strengths, performances, needs as well as significant impairments in functional capacity.		
iii. All nursing homes must be in compliance with this standard by no later than January 1, 2000.		

		<u>(M) MET</u>	
2. Frequency. Assessments must be conducted:			
i. No later than 14 days after the date of admission; ii. Promptly after a significant change in the resident's physical, mental, or social condition; and iii. In no case less often than once every 12 months.	M P N NA		
Review of Assessments. The nursing facility management must examine each resident no less than once every 3 months, and as appropriate, revise the resident's assessment to assure the continued accuracy of the assessment.	<u>(M) MET</u>		
Use. The results of the assessment are used to develop, review, and revise the resident's individualized comprehensive plan of care, under paragraph (d) of this section.	<u>(P) Provisional Met</u>	P: due to care plans not coordinating with MDS and orders	
Accuracy of assessments.	<u>(M) MET</u>		
1. Coordination.	M P N NA		
i. Each assessment must be conducted or coordinated with the appropriate participation of health professionals. ii. Each assessment must be conducted or coordinated by a registered nurse that signs and certifies the completion of the assessment.			
Certification. Each person who completes a portion of the assessment must sign and certify the accuracy of that portion of the assessment.	<u>(M) MET</u>		
d. Comprehensive care plans.	<u>(P) Provisional Met</u>	P: Facility needs to make sure care plans are up to date with discontinued items to be yellowed out, dated and initialed per protocol of facility.. Care plan not to have order for specific boot to specific leg on a patient but order reads opposite of care plan. MDS and raps for this chart correct with order	
1. The facility management must develop an individualized comprehensive care plan for each resident that includes measurable objectives and timetables to meet a resident's physical, mental, and psychosocial needs that are identified in the comprehensive assessment. The care plan must describe the following: i. The services that are to be furnished to attain or maintain the resident's highest practicable physical,	M P N NA		

<p>mental, and psychosocial well-being as required under § 51.120; and</p> <p>ii. Any services that would otherwise be required under § 51.120 of this part but are not provided due to the resident's exercise of rights under § 51.70, including the right to refuse treatment under § 51.70(b)(4) of this part.</p>	<p>See rating above</p> <p>Per facility protocol a pain assessment is to be done quarterly if patient receives routine or pm pain meds. However pain assessment not completed on one of 7 charts observed in chart. However during visit facility MDS coordinator was able to produce pain assessment. Pain relief not always documented in the pt record</p>
<p>2. A comprehensive care plan must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Developed within 7 calendar days after completion of the comprehensive assessment; ii. Prepared by an interdisciplinary team, that includes the primary physician, a registered nurse with responsibility for the resident, and other appropriate staff in disciplines as determined by the resident's needs, and to the extent practicable, the participation of the resident, the resident's family or the resident's legal representative; and iii. Periodically reviewed and revised by a team of qualified persons after each assessment. 	<p><u>M</u> <u>M</u> <u>E</u> <u>T</u></p> <p>M P N NA</p>
<p>The services provided or arranged by the facility must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Meet professional standards of quality; and ii. Be provided by qualified persons in accordance with each resident's written plan of care. 	<p><u>M</u> <u>M</u> <u>E</u> <u>T</u></p> <p>M P N NA</p>
<p>e. Discharge summary. Prior to discharging a resident, the facility management must prepare a discharge summary that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A recapitulation of the resident's stay; 2. A summary of the resident's status at the time of the discharge to include items in paragraph (b)(2) of this section; and 3. A post discharge plan of care that is developed with the participation of the resident and his or her family, which will assist the resident to adjust to his or her new living environment. 	<p><u>M</u> <u>M</u> <u>E</u> <u>T</u></p>

§ 51.120 Quality of care.

Each resident must receive and the facility management must provide the necessary care and services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being, in accordance with the comprehensive assessment and plan of care.

a. Reporting of Sentinel Events:

1. Definition. A sentinel event is an adverse event that results in the loss of life or limb or permanent loss of function.
2. Examples of sentinel events are as follows:

- i. Any resident death, paralysis, coma or other major permanent loss of function associated with a medication error; or
- ii. Any suicide of a resident, including suicides following elopement (unauthorized departure) from the facility; or
- iii. Any elopement of a resident from the facility resulting in a death or a major permanent loss of function; or
- iv. Any procedure or clinical intervention, including restraints, that result in death or a major permanent loss of function; or
- v. Assault, homicide or other crime resulting in patient death or major permanent loss of function; or
- vi. A patient fall that results in death or major permanent loss of function as a direct result of the injuries sustained in the fall.

3. The facility management must report sentinel events to the director of the VA medical center of jurisdiction within 24 hours of identification.

4. The facility management must establish a mechanism to review and analyze a sentinel event resulting in a written report no later than 10 working days following the event.

- i. Goal. The purpose of the review and analysis of a sentinel event is to prevent injuries to residents, visitors, and personnel, and to manage those injuries that do occur and to minimize the negative consequences to the injured individuals and facility.

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b.	Activities of daily living. Based on the comprehensive assessment of a resident, the facility management must ensure that:		
1.	A resident's abilities in activities of daily living do not diminish unless circumstances of the individual's clinical condition demonstrate that diminution was unavoidable. This includes the resident's ability to:	M P N NA	
	i. Bathe, dress, and groom; ii. Transfer and ambulate; iii. Toilet; iv. Eat; and v. Talk or otherwise communicate.		
2.	A resident is given the appropriate treatment and services to maintain or improve his or her abilities specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section; and	<u>(M) MET</u>	
3.	A resident who is unable to carry out activities of daily living receives the necessary services to maintain good nutrition, hydration, grooming, personal and oral hygiene, mobility, and bladder and bowel elimination.	M P N NA	
c.	Vision and hearing. To ensure that residents receive proper treatment and assistive devices to maintain vision and hearing abilities, the facility must, if necessary, assist the resident:	<u>(M) MET</u>	
1.	In making appointments; and	M P N NA	
2.	By arranging for transportation to and from the office of a practitioner specializing in the treatment of vision or hearing impairment or the office of a professional specializing in the provision of vision or hearing assistive devices.		
d.	Pressure sores. Based on the comprehensive assessment of a resident, the facility management must ensure that:	<u>(M) MET</u>	Met: facility has good program for skin issues and tracking, good documentation noted and appropriate care rendered. One wound care issue observed during wound rounds. Nurse appropriate with care, handling of patient and follow through.
	1. A resident who enters the facility without pressure sores does not develop pressure sores unless the individual's clinical condition demonstrates that they were unavoidable; and 2. A resident having pressure sores receives necessary treatment and services to promote healing, prevent infection and prevent new sores from developing.	M P N NA	

e. Urinary and Fecal Incontinence. Based on the resident's comprehensive assessment, the facility management must ensure that:	<u>M</u> <u>MET</u>	Met: Bowel and Bladder programs in effect
1. A resident who enters the facility without an indwelling catheter is not catheterized unless the resident's clinical condition demonstrates that catheterization was necessary; and	M P N NA	
2. A resident who is incontinent of urine receives appropriate treatment and services to prevent urinary tract infections and to restore as much normal bladder function as possible.		
3. A resident who has persistent fecal incontinence receives appropriate treatment and services to treat reversible causes and to restore as much normal bowel function as possible.	<u>(M)</u> <u>MET</u>	
Range of motion. Based on the comprehensive assessment of a resident, the facility management must ensure that:	<u>(M)</u> <u>MET</u>	Met: Restorative works well with patients. Therapy program offered through a contract with the Scottsbluff Hospital
1. A resident who enters the facility without a limited range of motion does not experience reduction in range of motion unless the resident's clinical condition demonstrates that a reduction in range of motion is unavoidable; and	M P N NA	
2. A resident with a limited range of motion receives appropriate treatment and services to increase range of motion and/or prevent further decrease in range of motion.		
Mental and Psychosocial functioning. Based on the comprehensive assessment of a resident, the facility management must ensure that a resident, who displays mental or psychosocial adjustment difficulty, receives appropriate treatment and services to correct the assessed problem.	<u>(M)</u> <u>MET</u>	
Enteral Feedings. Based on the comprehensive assessment of a resident, the facility management must ensure that:	<u>(M)</u> <u>MET</u>	
1. A resident who has been able to adequately eat or take fluids alone or with assistance is not fed by enteral feedings unless the resident's clinical condition demonstrates that use of enteral feedings were	M P N NA	

	unavoidable; and	See rating above	
i.	A resident who is fed by enteral feedings receives the appropriate treatment and services to prevent aspiration pneumonia, diarrhea, vomiting, dehydration, metabolic abnormalities, nasal-pharyngeal ulcers and other skin breakdowns, and to restore, if possible, normal eating skills.	<u>(M) MET</u>	
j.	Accidents. The facility management must ensure that:		
1.	The resident environment remains as free of accident hazards as is possible; and	M P N N/A	
2.	Each resident receives adequate supervision and assistance devices to prevent accidents.	<u>(M) MET</u>	
k.	Nutrition. Based on a resident's comprehensive assessment, the facility management must ensure that a resident:		
1.	Maintains acceptable parameters of nutritional status, such as body weight and protein levels, unless the resident's clinical condition demonstrates that this is not possible; and	M P N N/A	
2.	Receives a therapeutic diet when a nutritional deficiency is identified.	<u>(M) MET</u>	
l.	Hydration. The facility management must provide each resident with sufficient fluid intake to maintain proper hydration and health.	<u>(M) MET</u>	
m.	Special needs. The facility management must ensure that residents receive proper treatment and care for the following special services:		
1.	Injections;	M P N N/A	
2.	Parenteral and enteral fluids;		
3.	Colostomy, ureterostomy, or ileostomy care		
4.	Tracheostomy care;		
5.	Trachcal suctioning;		
6.	Respiratory care;		

7. Foot care; and		See rating above	
8. Prostheses.			
m. Unnecessary drugs:	(M) MET	Monthly reviews by a pharmacist	
1. General. Each resident's drug regimen must be free from unnecessary drugs. An unnecessary drug is any drug when used:	M P N NA		
i. In excessive dose (including duplicate drug therapy); or			
ii. For excessive duration; or			
iii. Without adequate monitoring; or			
iv. Without adequate indications for its use; or			
v. In the presence of adverse consequences which indicate the dose should be reduced or discontinued; or			
vi. Any combinations of the reasons above.			
2. Antipsychotic Drugs. Based on a comprehensive assessment of a resident, the facility management must ensure that:	(M) MET	Psycho flow sheets used every month. MD reviews every 3 months all meds are also reviewed. Flow sheets - mental health MD reviews meds.	
i. Residents who have not used antipsychotic drugs are not given these drugs unless antipsychotic drug therapy is necessary to treat a specific condition as diagnosed and documented in the clinical record; and	M P N NA		
ii. Residents who use antipsychotic drugs receive gradual dose reductions, and behavioral interventions, unless clinically contraindicated, in an effort to discontinue these drugs.			
n. Medication Errors. The facility management must ensure that:	(M) MET	Quality control meeting every 3 months reviews errors	
1. Medication errors are identified and reviewed on a timely basis; and	M P N NA		
2. Strategies for preventing medication errors and adverse reactions are implemented.			

<p>§ 51.130 Nursing Services.</p> <p>The facility management must provide an organized nursing service with a sufficient number of qualified nursing personnel to meet the total nursing care needs, as determined by resident assessment and individualized comprehensive plans of care, of all patients within the facility 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p> <p>a. The nursing service must be under the direction of a full-time registered nurse who is currently licensed by the State and has, in writing, administrative authority, responsibility, and accountability for the functions, activities, and training of the nursing services staff.</p>	<p>(P) Provisional Met</p> <p>M P N N/A</p>	<p>P: Facility has a well qualified Nursing director and assistant. However, they have a half time person at present and are advertising for a full time RN for this night position. All present RNs take call to cover shifts. The DON and ADON are available if needed. Facility currently has < 100 patient occupancy</p>
<p>b. The facility management must provide registered nurses 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.</p>	<p>(P) Provisional Met</p> <p>See staffing profile</p> <p>M P N N/A</p>	<p>P: See above</p> <p>See staffing profile</p> <p>M P N N/A</p> <p>(M) MET</p> <p>Met: Has nurse managers for each shift. During off tours the RN may cover as the Direct care giver and supervisor in the skilled area. 46 patients occupy the skilled care area</p>
<p>c. The director of nursing services must designate a registered nurse as a supervising nurse for each tour of duty.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Based on the application and results of the case mix and staffing methodology, the director of nursing may serve in a dual role as director and as an onsite-supervising nurse only when the facility has an average daily occupancy of 60 or fewer residents in nursing home. 2. Based on the application and results of the case mix and staffing methodology, the evening or night supervising nurse may serve in a dual role as supervising nurse as well as provides direct patient care only when the facility has an average daily occupancy of 60 or fewer residents in nursing home. 	<p>M P N N/A</p>	<p>(M) MET</p> <p>See staffing profile</p> <p>M P N N/A</p>
<p>d. The facility management must provide nursing services to ensure that there is a minimum direct care nurse staffing per patient per 24 hours, 7 days per week of no less than 2.5 hours.</p>	<p>(M) MET</p> <p>See staffing profile</p> <p>M P N N/A</p>	<p>(M) MET</p> <p>See staffing profile</p> <p>M P N N/A</p>
<p>e. Nurse staffing must be based on a staffing methodology that applies case mix and is adequate for meeting the standards of this part.</p>	<p>M P N N/A</p>	<p>M P N N/A</p>

<p>§ 51.140 Dietary Services.</p> <p>The facility management must provide each resident with a nourishing, palatable, well-balanced diet that meets the daily nutritional and special dietary needs of each resident.</p>	<p>(M) MET</p>	<p>M P N NA</p>
<p>a. Staffing. The facility management must employ a qualified dietitian either full-time, part-time, or on a consultant basis.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a qualified dietitian is not employed full-time, the facility management must designate a person to serve as the director of food service who receives at least a monthly scheduled consultation from a qualified dietitian. 2. A qualified dietitian is one who is qualified based upon registration by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association. 		
<p>b. Sufficient staff. The facility management must employ sufficient support personnel competent to carry out the functions of the dietary service.</p>	<p>(M) MET</p>	<p>20-24 hours 1 month</p>
<p>c. Menus and nutritional adequacy. Menus must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet the nutritional needs of residents in accordance with the recommended dietary allowances of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences; 2. Be prepared in advance; and 3. Be followed. 	<p>(M) MET</p>	<p>M P N NA</p>
<p>d. Food. Each resident receives and the facility provides:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food prepared by methods that conserve nutritive value, flavor, and appearance; 2. Food that is palatable, attractive, and at the proper temperature; 3. Food prepared in a form designed to meet individual needs; and 4. Substitutes offered of similar nutritive value to residents who refuse food served. 	<p>(M) MET</p>	<p>M P N NA</p>

	e. Therapeutic diets. Therapeutic diets must be prescribed by the primary care physician.	(M) MET	M P N NA
f. Frequency of meals.		(M) MET	M P N NA
1. Each resident receives and the facility provides at least three meals daily, at regular times comparable to normal mealtimes in the community.		M P N NA	
2. There must be no more than 14 hours between a substantial evening meal and breakfast the following day, except as provided in paragraph (f)(4) of this section.		M P N NA	
3. The facility staff must offer snacks at bedtime daily.		M P N NA	
4. When a nourishing snack is provided at bedtime, up to 16 hours may elapse between a substantial evening meal and breakfast the following day, if a resident group agrees to this meal span, and a nourishing snack is served.		M P N NA	
g. Assistive devices. The facility management must provide special eating equipment and utensils for residents who need them.	(M) MET	M P N NA	
h. Sanitary conditions. The facility must:	(M) MET	M P N NA	
1. Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory by Federal, State, or local authorities;		M P N NA	
2. Store, prepare, distribute, and serve food under sanitary conditions; and		M P N NA	
3. Dispose of garbage and refuse properly.		M P N NA	
§ 51.150 Physician services.	(M) MET	M P N NA	
A physician must personally approve in writing a recommendation that an individual be admitted to a facility. Each resident must remain under the care of a physician.		M P N NA	
a. Physician supervision. The facility management must ensure that:		M P N NA	
1. The medical care of each resident is supervised by a primary care physician;		M P N NA	

		See rating above
2. Each resident's medical record must list the name of the resident's primary physician; and		
3. Another physician supervises the medical care of residents when their primary physician is unavailable.		
b. Physician visits. The physician must:	<u>(M) MET</u>	
Review the resident's total program of care, including medications and treatments, at each visit required by paragraph (c) of this section;	M P N NA	
Write, sign, and date progress notes at each visit; and		
Sign and date all orders.		
c. Frequency of physician visits.	<u>(M) MET</u>	
1. The resident must be seen by the primary physician at least once every 30 days for the first 90 days after admission, and at least once every 60 days thereafter, or more frequently based on the condition of the resident.	M P N NA	
2. A physician visit is considered timely if it occurs not later than 10 days after the date the visit was required.		
3. Except as provided in paragraphs (c) (4) of this section, all required physician visits must be made by the physician personally.		
4. At the option of the physician, required visits in the facility after the initial visit may alternate between personal visits by the physician and visits by a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist in accordance with paragraph (e) of this section.		
d. Availability of physicians for emergency care. The facility management must provide or arrange for the provision of physician services 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, in case of an emergency.	<u>(M) MET</u>	M P N NA

	<u>(M) MET</u>	
e. Physician delegation of tasks.		
1. Except as specified in paragraph (e)(2) of this section, a primary physician may delegate tasks to: A certified physician assistant or a certified nurse practitioner; or A clinical nurse specialist who: A. Is acting within the scope of practice as defined by State law; and B. Is under the supervision of the physician. Note: A certified clinical nurse specialist with experience in long term care is preferred.	M P N NA	
2. The primary physician may not delegate a task when the regulations specify that the primary physician must perform it personally, or when the delegation is prohibited under State law or by the facility's own policies.	<u>(M) MET</u>	
§ 51.160 Specialized rehabilitative services.	<u>(M) MET</u>	
a. Provision of services. If specialized rehabilitative services such as but not limited to physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and mental health services for mental illness are required in the resident's comprehensive plan of care, facility management must: 1. Provide the required services; or 2. Obtain the required services from an outside resource, in accordance with § 51.210(h) of this part, from a provider of specialized rehabilitative services.	M P N NA	
b. Specialized rehabilitative services must be provided under the written order of a physician by qualified personnel.	<u>(M) MET</u>	

<p>§ 51.170 Dental Services. A facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Must provide or obtain from an outside resource, in accordance with § 51.210 (h) of this part, routine and emergency dental services to meet the needs of each resident; b. May charge a resident an additional amount for routine and emergency dental services; c. Must, if necessary, assist the resident: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In making appointments; and 2. By arranging for transportation to and from the dental services; and 3. Promptly refer residents with lost or damaged dentures to a dentist. 	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p> <p>M P N NA</p>
<p>§ 51.180 Pharmacy services.</p> <p>The facility management must provide routine and emergency drugs and biologicals to its residents, or obtain them under an agreement described in § 51.210 (h) of this part. The facility management must have a system for disseminating drug information to medical and nursing staff.</p>	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p> <p>M P N NA</p>
<p>a. Procedures. The facility management must provide pharmaceutical services (including procedures that assure the accurate acquiring, receiving, dispensing, and administering of all drugs and biologicals) to meet the needs of each resident.</p>	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p> <p>M P N NA</p>
<p>b. Service consultation. The facility management must employ or obtain the services of a pharmacist licensed in a State in which the facility is located who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides consultation on all aspects of the provision of pharmacy services in the facility; 2. Establishes a system of records of receipt and disposition of all controlled drugs in sufficient detail to enable an accurate reconciliation; and 3. Determines that drug records are in order and that an account of all controlled drugs is maintained and periodically reconciled. 	<p><u>(M) MET</u></p> <p>M P N NA</p> <p>Monthly drug reviews for nursing - outside pharmacist comes monthly to review charts Yes - Stateboard inspections</p>

		(M) MET	State inspection - all files up to date and in order Done monthly.
c. Drug regimen review.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The drug regimen of each resident must be reviewed at least once a month by a licensed pharmacist. 2. The pharmacist must report any irregularities to the primary physician and the director of nursing, and these reports must be acted upon. 	M P N N/A	
	Labeling of drugs and biologicals. Drugs and biologicals used in the facility management must be labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles, and include the appropriate accessory and cautionary instructions, and the expiration date when applicable.	(M) MET	All in order
	Storage of drugs and biologicals.	(M) MET	Locked med carts. Locked refrigerator in med room
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In accordance with State and Federal laws, the facility management must store all drugs and biologicals in locked compartments under proper temperature controls, and permit only authorized personnel to have access to the keys. 2. The facility management must provide separately locked, permanently affixed compartments for storage of controlled drugs listed in Schedule II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1976 and other drugs subject to abuse. 	M P N N/A	Locked in med cart and counted each by 2 nurses.

<p>§ 51.190 Infection Control.</p> <p>The facility management must establish and maintain an infection control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of disease and infection.</p> <p>a. Infection control program. The facility management must establish an infection control program under which it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigates, controls, and prevents infections in the facility; 2. Decides what procedures, such as isolation, should be applied to an individual resident; and 3. Maintains a record of incidents and corrective actions related to infections. 	<p>(P) Provisional Met</p> <p>P: Facility bath aide demonstrated cleaning of the Apollo directly pouring disinfectant into the tub with water running and proceeded to scrub tub. Open observation of disinfectant used states to be left on for 10 minutes between resident bath and whirlpool jets to be running during this time, then rinse after scrubbing and whirlpooling for 10 minutes. The staff member stated the disinfectant needed to be on for 2-3 minutes and didn't need jets running. Surveyor explained to staff and ADON protocol for cleaning tub with this disu=infectant according to the disinfectant bottle. ADON also read directions at this Education of staff membr done on the spot. Also noted soiled in on floor of room without being bagged as protocol. Clean mop rags in soiled utility room on counter and not bagged(biohazard room)</p>
<p>b. Preventing spread of infection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When the infection control program determines that a resident needs isolation to prevent the spread of infection, the facility management must isolate the resident. 2. The facility management must prohibit employees with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions from direct contact with residents or their food, if direct contact will transmit the disease. 3. The facility management must require staff to wash their hands after each direct resident contact for which hand washing is indicated by accepted professional practice. <p>c. Linens. Personnel must handle, store, process, and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection.</p>	<p>(P) Provisional Met</p> <p>Last MRSA was 2 years ago - needs more education. Two microwaves were dirty that the staff uses. The sharps container for IV box was full.</p> <p>M P N NA</p> <p>(M) MET</p> <p>M P N NA</p>

§ 51.200 Physical environment.

The facility management must be designed, constructed, equipped, and maintained to protect the health and safety of residents, personnel and the public.

- a. Life safety from fire. The facility must meet the applicable provisions of the 1997 edition of the Life Safety Code of the National Fire Protection Association (which is incorporated by reference).

b. Emergency power.

1. An emergency electrical power system must be provided to supply power adequate for illumination of all exit signs and lighting for the means of egress, fire alarm and medical gas alarms, emergency communication systems, and generator task illumination.
2. The system must be the appropriate type essential electrical system in accordance with the requirement of NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities.
3. When electrical life support devices are used, an emergency electrical power system must also be provided for devices in accordance with NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities.
4. The source of power must be an on-site emergency standby generator of sufficient size to serve the connected load or other approved sources per NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities.

c. Space and equipment. Facility management must:

1. Provide sufficient space and equipment in dining, health services, recreation, and program areas to enable staff to provide residents with needed services as required by these standards and as identified in each resident's plan of care; and
2. Maintain all essential mechanical, electrical, and patient care equipment in safe operating condition.

Refer to Life Safety Report

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Resident rooms. Resident rooms must be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents:	(M) MET	Existing home square footage Review guidelines for Existing home and UFAS standards	
<p>1. Bedrooms must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Accommodates no more than four residents; ii. Measure at least 115 net square feet per resident in multiple resident bedrooms; iii. Measure at least 150 net square feet in single resident bedrooms; iv. Measure at least 245 net square feet in small double resident bedrooms; and v. Measure at least 305 net square feet in large double resident bedrooms used for spinal cord injury residents. It is recommended that the facility have one large double resident bedroom for every 30 resident bedrooms. vi. Have direct access to an exit corridor; vii. Be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident; viii. Except in private rooms, each bed must have ceiling suspended curtains, which extend around the bed to provide total visual privacy in combination with adjacent walls and curtains; ix. Have at least one window to the outside; and x. Have a floor at or above grade level. 		M P N N/A	
<p>2. The facility management must provide each resident with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. separate bed of proper size and height for the safety of the resident; B. clean, comfortable mattress; C. bedding appropriate to the weather and climate; and D. functional furniture appropriate to the resident's needs, and individual closet space in the resident's bedroom with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident. <p>e. Toilet facilities. Each resident room must be equipped with or located near toilet and bathing facilities. It is recommended that public toilet facilities be also located near the resident's dining and recreational areas.</p>	(M) MET	M P N N/A	

	f. Resident call system. The nurse's station must be equipped to receive resident calls through a communication system from:	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>
1.	Resident rooms; and		
2.	Toilet and bathing facilities.		
	Dining and resident activities. The facility management must provide one or more rooms designated for resident dining and activities. These rooms must:		<u>(M) MET</u>
1.	Be well lighted;	M P N NA	
2.	Be well ventilated;		
3.	Be adequately furnished; and		
4.	Have sufficient space to accommodate all activities.		
	h. Other environmental conditions. The facility management must provide a safe, functional, sanitary, and comfortable environment for the residents, staff and the public. The facility must:		<u>(M) MET</u>
1.	Establish procedures to ensure that water is available to essential areas when there is a loss of normal water supply;	M P N NA	
2.	Have adequate outside ventilation by means of windows, or mechanical ventilation, or a combination of the two;		<u>(M) MET</u>
3.	Equip corridors with firmly secured handrails on each side; and	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>
4.	Maintain an effective pest control program so that the facility is free of pests and rodents.	M P N NA	<u>(M) MET</u>